Setting up of A Railway Division at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar

96. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has requested the Central Government to set up a Division of Railways at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have, in principle, accepted the proposal to set up a Division at Ahmedabad; and

(c) if so, by when the Railway Division at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Request had been received from the Gujarat Government for setting up of a new Railway Division at Ahmedabad. However, financial constraints have precluded the possibility of going in for any new Division for the present.

Sale of Railway Land in Delhi

97. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been worked out to sell/commercialise railway land in Delhi;

(b) if so, the area of railway land earmarked for this purpose in Delhi; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dismantling of Fencing Around Disputed Ram Janambhumi Complex

98. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that attempts have been made to dismantle the protective fencing around, the disputed Ram Janambhumi complex of Ayodhya, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Government, the outer barricading has been removed from the sides on which the wall has been constructed. On the northern side, where the wall has not been constructed, the barricading is intact. The inner barricading is also intact.

(c) The Central Government has, from time to time, conveyed to the State Government its concern about the security of the disputed structure and the need to maintain adequate security measures in this regard.

Verification of Weight of Loaded Coal in Wagons

99. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide the rechecking faciiity to verify weight of the loaded coal in wagons for which Railway receipts are issued; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have considered insurance cover from Collieries to destination for coal transhipment; if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of coal is poured with High velocity into wagons and the instant weighing is 20 per cent higher than the actual; and